1973-74 prices at national level. This corresponds to a basket of goods and services anchored on a norm of *per capita* daily calorie requirement of 2400 kcal in rural areas and 2100 kcal in urban areas. The state-specific poverty lines are derived from the national level poverty lines, using state-specific price indices and inter-state price differential.

(c) Planning Commission is not aware of any institute mentioning the amount of calorie consumption for hardworking people.

(d) and (e) In view of (c) above, do not arise.

Estimates of poor and BPL

1118. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimates of poor and BPL families by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) and the projected percentage with reference to our population in 2012;

(b) the similar percentage position by the end of the First Five Year Plan (April, 1951-March, 1956); and

(c) whether any poverty alleviation targets have been fixed in the planning profile and the time-frame by when these would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) As per the latest available estimates made by the Planning Commission, 27.5% of the population lived below the poverty line in 2004-05. The Eleventh Plan has projected 10 percentage points reduction in the head-count ratio of consumption poverty by the end of Eleventh Plan (2007-2012). No projections of BPL families by the end of the Eleventh Plan are available.

(b) No comparable estimates from official agencies are available regarding the percentage of persons living below the poverty line or BPL families at the end of the First Five Year Plan (April, 1951-March, 1956).

(c) The Eleventh Plan has projected 10 percentage points reduction in the head-count ratio of consumption poverty by the end of Eleventh Plan (2007-2012).

BPL segment of population

1119. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the below poverty line segment of population is assessed on the basis of calorie intake or per capita income of the families;

(b) if so, the latest NSSO survey estimate of the BPL families as on 31st December, 2007;

(c) whether there is any different yardstick for classifying BPL families in rural and urban areas; and